

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V
POLLUTION REPORT**

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Subject: Initiation of Action
Jasper Wood Products
500 East 13th Street, Jasper, IN
Latitude: 38.396623
Longitude: -86.925459

POLREP No.:	1	Site #:	B5MU
Reporting Period:		D.O. #:	
Start Date:	7/21/2009	Response Authority:	CERCLA
Mob Date:	7/21/2009	Response Type:	Time-Critical
Completion Date:		NPL Status:	Non NPL
CERCLIS ID #:		Incident Category:	Removal Action
RCRIS ID #:		Contract #:	

Site Description

The Jasper Wood Products Company Incorporated (JWP) Site is located at 500 East 13th Street, Jasper, Dubois County, Indiana. The Site is situated in an urban industrial/residential area and occupies a four acre lot that is bordered by East 14th Street to the north, Leopold Street to the east, East 13th Street to the south, and Vine Street to the west. Directly across Leopold Street and E. 14th Street are residences.

In the past, JWP produced wood-veneered furniture components using particle board cores, resins and veneer flitches. It is believed the facility ceased operation sometime in the year 2004.

On August 20, 2007, an inspection of the Site was conducted by Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Emergency Response Section and Industrial Waste Compliance Section. The inspection was conducted as a result of a citizen complaint. During the inspection it was determined that there was significant quantity of abandoned chemicals in containers, pits, and two tanks including solid and hazardous wastes inside the uncontrolled property. The Site was referred to the U.S. EPA Region V Emergency Response Branch (ERB) by the IDEM.

On March 25, 2008, WESTON START, met with U.S. EPA and IDEM to assess the current conditions at the Site.

The site assessment identified hazardous substances within the Site and detected the presence of hazardous chemicals within the drums remaining at the JWP Site. Deteriorating drums and containers of hazardous substances were easily accessible and posed a threat of direct contact and potential fire.

Current Activities

- ☐ On July 21, 2009, US EPA OSC Jaime Brown and EPA's Emergency Rapid Response Services (ERRS) contractor Environmental Restorations (ER) and START arrived on site to secure the materials that remain on site.
- ☐ After the site health and safety meeting a site walk through was performed for all staff supporting operations.
- ☐ ER gathered 175 aerosol cans that were located throughout the site and consolidate them in a cubic yard box.
- ☐ ER collected 29-five gallon buckets containing paint, paint thinner, and oils staged for future off-site disposal.
- ☐ There were 36 drums ranging from 35 to 55 gallons in size. The drums contained flammable liquids, flammable solids, chlorinated solvents, formaldehyde and corrosive ammonia liquid. The drums were arranged according to their compatibility and staged for future off-site disposal.
- ☐ One 55 gallon bulging drum and two drums that were damaged was over-packed.
- ☐ A 500 gallon tank was opened and approximately 150 gallons of solidified glue resin was placed in three 55 gallon drums and staged for future disposal.
- ☐ Four mercury switches were discovered during site operations. The switches were placed in a container tightly wrapped and staged for disposal.
- ☐ On July 21 and 22, 2009, approximately 70 containers were transported from the JWP site to the Miller Plating site. These materials were moved and escorted with the approval of IDEM and the Indiana State Police. The disposition of waste and actual disposal will occur from the Miller Plating facility. All costs, manifests, and permitting will be kept separate.
- ☐ Thirty six containers were analyzed by field hazardous categorization(HAZCAT).

Planned Removal Actions

- ☐ Compatible waste streams will be bulked/re-containerized, and appropriately prepared for disposal at off-site disposal facilities.
- ☐ Characterize, remove and properly dispose of hazardous substance and wastes located at the Site in accordance with U.S. EPA's Off-Site Rule (40 CFR 300.440).

Next Steps

- ☐ Disposal of waste.

Key Issues

- ☐ None

Estimated Costs *

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				

RST/START	\$14,570.00	\$3,200.00	\$11,370.00	78.04%
Intramural Costs				
USEPA - InDirect	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	(\$3,000.00)	0.00%
Total Site Costs				
	\$64,570.00	\$6,200.00	\$58,370.00	90.40%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.